

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, 1876, with transcript

(Miss Mabel Hubbard) Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Siasconset, Tuesday. (1876?) My dear Alec:

You need not be anxious about me any more, I am just as great a coward as any of the women I used to laugh at last summer.

I cannot imagine what is the matter with me. All I know is I am glad of the excuse of my promise to you. I enjoyed the bath yesterday. Today the waves were rather lower, yet all I did was to stand shivering watching the others enjoy themselves and only now and then venturing in beyond the waves and trying to swim. I couldn't go under the waves more than once.

O dear, I do so want to get home again. I think I must have changed sadly not to like the place I so enjoyed a year ago, and I am heartily ashamed of myself. I fear Cousin Mary is disappointed.

Excuse the looks of my writing, I am sitting out on the piazza steps, letting the wind dry my wet hair, the ink on the floor beside me, and my lap serving instead of a table.

I am trying to study Tyndale. It would be interesting if I read along skipping the parts I do not understand, but I want to know it really and that is hard work. I understand now all I have worked at, but at the rate I go I will be done by the time I am an old woman.

Carrie is expecting a friend of hers tomorrow, and she and I are going to town to meet her. We mean to have a little spree, & what it is I will tell you tomorrow or the day after.

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I wonder and wonder what you are doing. Today is the 26th isn't it? I thought your cousin would be married then, but Mrs. Lander seemed to think it was the 16th of next month.

I have not heard from you since that first letter, but I did not expect one. However, I hope today's post will bring me word.

With love to your father and mother,

Lovingly, May.